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## PENCE URGES ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

*Congressman supports President's call for immediate action by the UN*

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Pence, this morning, was the first Representative on the House Floor to support President Bush in his call for action against Iraq. The speech came in the wake of the President's remarks before the United Nations. Pence will be available to speak with the media regarding his speech tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Indianapolis International Airport.

"I rise today to respectfully repeat the question the President asked that august and historic body, 'will the UN choose to be relevant on the planet earth?' said Pence.

"We must learn the lessons of history. Over sixty years ago, Neville Chamberlain retreated in the face of tyranny. For the past decade the United Nations has repeated the mistakes of the past. President Bush demonstrated that he will not play the role of a modern day Chamberlain, but the role of Churchill. As the President said today, 'Saddam has made the case against himself.' A dictator who routinely murders his own people, harbors terrorists, and develops weapons of mass destruction is a threat to the civilized world.

"Iraq has refused weapons inspections for almost four years. Four years is four years too long. Are we to believe that Saddam Hussein stopped the development of chemical and biological weapons and his pursuit of nuclear capability at the exact moment he prevented weapons inspections from going forward? Are we willing to gamble the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people on the possibility that Saddam Hussein can be trusted?

"The United Nations was designed to be able to respond to threats from dangerous dictators who threaten the peace of the world. I say again that question which the President asked today, the United Nations must choose whether it will be relevant on planet earth. And if the United Nations chooses against relevance we will choose justice. We will seek the safety and security of our people and the people of the civilized world," said Pence.

Video and audio actualities of Pence's speech are available on his website at <http://mikepence.house.gov>